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1. Some members of the Peruvian Congress are reported to believe now that President Odría will not try to rush the pending petroleum legislation through a special session of Congress, but will let the bill run its normal course when Congress next convenes in regular session on 23 July 1951.* They believe that the President's decision to wait will be based on the present state of the Korean War, his desire to await the outcome of the meeting of Foreign Ministers in Washington, and his desire to learn the effect which the proposed nationalization of Iran's petroleum industry might have on the international situation.
2. A separate source has reported the organization of a strong labor movement in southern Peru to impede the passage of the petroleum law in its present form. Leaders of the movement feel that the law is too favorable to the International Petroleum Company, and favor a petroleum law which would eventually bring about the nationalization of the Peruvian oil industry. These leaders are reported as follows:
 - a. Eduardo Flores Medina is reportedly heading the movement. He was formerly Syndicate Secretary of the Communist Party of Peru (PCP) in Arequipa, and was one of the organizers of the Arequipa Departmental Labor Congress in 1949.
 - b. Luis Nieto, a journalist who handled press and propaganda matters for the Arequipa Departmental Labor Congress of 1949. Nieto was at one time the director of Jornada, news-organ of the Communist Party's Cuzco Departmental Committee.
 - c. Emiliano Huanantica, a textile worker and Secretary General of the Federation of Workers of Cuzco. He was named to the Central Committee of the PCP in August 1948.
 - d. Simon Herrera Farfan, one of the organizers of the Communist-dominated Cuzco Labor Congress in 1950. He is believed to maintain contact with CTAL leaders at the present time.
 - e. Vicente Mendoza Diaz, a collaborator of Simon Herrera in organizing the Communist-dominated Cuzco Labor Congress.

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- f. Fabián Escudero, Secretary General of the Syndicate of Miners of La Oroya, Secretary General of the Regional Federation of Miners and Metallurgists of Central Peru, and one of the principal organizers of the recent miners' and metallurgists' congress.
 - g. Augusto Chavez Bedoya, former member of the PCP's Central Committee and one of the organizers of the Liga Democratica Nacional, a political party which opposed President Odría.
 - h. Gregorio Espiritu, Secretary of Organization of the Regional Federation of Miners and Metallurgists of Central Peru, and one of Escudero's collaborators in organizing the recent miners' and metallurgists' congress.
3. A booklet in which Mexico will be cited as an example of the benefits of nationalization of the petroleum industry is being prepared by a group of Communists and Socialists who were expelled from the party led by Senator Luciano Castillo Coloma. The projected petroleum legislation will be attacked by comparing it with the Argentine petroleum law, which, it will be alleged, is much less favorable to foreign capitalists than that planned for Peru. The booklet, to be entitled "Sechura, Reserva Nacional," will be published in the near future.

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Comment. President Odría announced in a press conference on 16 March that he would call another special session of Congress in order to effect passage of the petroleum legislation. However, source reports that it is believed that since then Odría has changed his plans.

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